

I am opposed to the Media Consolidation Bill. I feel too much of the media--which in actuality belongs to the public and is entrusted to corporations--is already controlled by a small number of wealthy ideologues who have no interest in the public good (just look at the "coverage" of the 2000 elections, as well as the John Ellis fiasco). NO other nation on Earth--except a totalitarian one--would permit this corruption. Additionally, Gulf War II showed the media to be government cheerleaders, not objective reporters of information. This will get worse if the media lands in the hands of fewer people. As Thomas Jefferson wisely wrote: "A free and open media is essential to maintaining democracy." I would like to thank Mr. Kopps for being a sincere and wise advocate for the interests of the people. Thank you Mr. Kopps. And I hope to thank the remainder of the FCC board once they decide not to turn the US media into an Orwellian death trap of lies, deceit, jingoism, and sadism. I would also like to ask Mr Powell if he believes he would be the head of the FCC if a brave, independent media didn't risk their necks during the Civil Rights Wars of the 1950s and 1960s. Personally, I doubt it.

Sincerely,

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